1924 BIRD CALENDAR 1924

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A vague promise of warmer weather during the last days of February and the first days of March seems to have brought a few spring migrants into the vicinity of Cleveland this year. But this promise of spring was suddenly nipped in the bud by a change of weather conditions, resulting in a cold, cutting north-east wind with ice and snow. This wind then blew steadily almost without veering a point for two or three weeks, thus keeping Lake Erie full of ice for a mile or more out, and also the lakes and ponds in the city parks and in the vicinity of Cleveland thickly frozen over. So the harsh weather of March by arresting or preventing the development of the natural food supply of early migrant birds, has served to spread out the early migrations over a longer period of time than usual. The heavy snowfall and cold weather throughout February made it virtually out of the question for us to expect any spring arrivals during that month. And the few migratory birds that were observed in February or even earlier in isolated cases, probably remained in these parts all winter. The usual winter residents, however, have virtually all been seen – most of them frequently and in various places – in the course of the winter. Most of them, indeed, have been observed from time to time in Wade Park. The following list includes all the birds that have been identified by several different observers to date, beginning with the winter residents:

1. Blue Jay; all winter in or around Hessler Rd., and Prof. Finfrock at 3186 Oak Rd.
2. Bob White; heard on upper Shaker Lake, March 9; a flock seen by Mrs.Kimmel in Lake View Cemetery, March 12.
3. Brown Creeper; Occasionally in Wade Park.
4. Cardinal; all winter in the parks, on Bellflower Rd., and Prof. Finfrock at 3186 Oak Rd.; usually in pairs.
5. Chickadee; all winter in Wade Park; Prof. Finfrock at 3186 Oak Rd.
6. Downy Woodpecker; all winter Prof. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Rd., and in Wade Park.
7. Red-headed Woodpecker; Feb. 12, Wade Park, one female which has made its home in a certain white oak tree in Wade Park for several winters.
8. Hairy Woodpecker; all winter, Prof. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Rd., and in Wade Park.
9. Junco; all winter occasionally in Wade Park.
10. Golden Crowned Kinglet; occasionally in Wade Park
11. Ruby Crowned Kinglet; Feb 21, Prof. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Rd.; frequently in Wade Park
12. White-breasted Nuthatch; all winter Prof. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Rd.; frequently in Wade Park.
13. Starling; Through December 1923 and January 1924 one fed at food-box of Mrs. N.W. Terrell, 2041 Taylor Rd., East Cleveland; and several birds appeared early in February.
    The rather rapid spreading of this unwelcome English emigrant over the eastern United States will doubtless soon prove as much of a

disturbing element in American rural districts as the English sparrow has become in cities and urban localities.

14. American Crow; March 2, Prof. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Rd.; March 5 Euclid Hts. and frequently since.
15. Herring Gull; Feb. 24, Prof. Finfrock, Lake Erie.
16. Tufted Titmouse; March 22, Prof. Finfrock, Jopling's Woods, Willoughby, Ohio.
17. Tree Sparrow; March 22, Professor Finfrock, Jopling's Woods, Willoughby, Ohio.
18. Great Horned Owl; March 22, Professor Finfrock, Jopling's Woods, Willoughby, Ohio.
19. Ruffed Grouse; March 22, Professor Finfrock, Jopling's Woods, Willoughby, Ohio.
20. Sparrow Hawk; all winter, Prof. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Rd; March 19, Lake View Cemetery.
21. Red-shouldered (?) Hawk; March 12, Mrs. Rush, Stop 5, Mayfield Road.
22. Red-tailed Hawk; March 22, Prof. Finfrock, Jopling's Woods, Willoughby, Ohio.
23. Marsh Hawk; March 22, Prof. Finfrock, Mentor Marshes; March 23, Miss Ruth Bradway, Mentor Ohio.
24. White-headed Eagle; Feb 26, Mr. F.E. Rammsey, Vermilion, Ohio; pair arrived at their now famous nest.
25. Flicker; Jan. 24, Prof. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Rd.; doubtless here all winter.
26. Blue Bird; Feb. 25, Mrs. Buehring, Vermilion, O.; March 14, Miss Harms, Euclid, Ohio; March 30, Donald Hulme, Wade Park, (several).
27. Robin; Feb. 28-29, one seen on Noble Rd.; March 1, Miss Wells, College for Women Campus; Mar. 5, Mrs. Marshall, Bellflower Road; March 6, Prof. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Rd.; March 9, Donald Hulme, Shaker Lakes; March 17, Miss Anne Woodworth, E. 86th St. etc.
    White Robin; seen March 26 by Miss Calfee, 2755 Berkshire Rd., Cleveland Hts., same bird seen last year.
28. Song Sparrow; March 6, Professor Finfrock, 3186 Oak Rd.; March 9, Miss Gertrude Bogart; Noble Rd; March 16, Lake View.
29. Meadow Lark; March 6, Miss Bogart, Noble Rd.; March 16, Donald Hulme, Gordon Park; March 22, Prof. Finfrock, Jopling's Woods, Willoughby; March 24, Miss Harms, Euclid.
30. Bronzed Grackle; Feb. 19, Prof. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Rd.; March 12, Mrs. Rush, (several) stop 5, Mayfield Rd.; March 19, Bellflower Rd.
31. Kildeer Plover; March 1, Donald hulme, Euclid Ave., and Adelbert Rd.; March 14, Miss Bradway, Mentor, Ohio; March 29, Prof. Finfrock, Reserve Athletic Field.
32. Mourning Dove; March 5, Mrs. Rush, (pair) Stop 5, Mayfield Rd.; March 23, Miss Bradway, Mentor, Ohio.
33. Red-winged Blackbird; March 16, Mrs. Kimmel, Lake View Cemetery; March 22, Prof. Finfrock, Mentor Marshes.
34. Cowbird; March 16, Donald Hulme, Lake Shore Blvd.
35. Swamp Sparrow; March 22, Prof. Finfrock, Mentor Marshes.
36. Scaup Duck; March 22, Prof. Finfrock, Mentor Marshes.
37. Ruddy Duck; March 22, Prof. Finfrock, Mentor Marshes.
38. Hooded Merganser; March 22, Prof. Finfrock, Mentor Marshes.

39. Canadian Goose; March 9, Mr. W.J. Baker, Perry, O., 75 seen feeding in cornfield.

The following birds, which are recorded in Bulletin No. 1, were observed and reported too late for inclusion in the first list; by Mr. W.J. Baker, Feb. 23, Concord, O. 7 Chickadees, 2 White-breasted Nuthatches, 1 Downy Woodpecker. April 6, Mentor Headlands; Meadowlark, Mourning Dove, 30 Red-winged Blackbirds, 20 Scaup Ducks, 5 Song Sparrows, 6 Crows, 60 Cowbirds, 7 Robins, 6 Herring Gulls. April 13, Mentor Headlands; 100 Crows, 5 Herring Gulls, 12 Meadowlarks, 6 Robins, 6 Scaup Ducks, 25 Golden-crowned Kinglets, 2 Swamp Sparrows, 10 Song Sparrows, 4 Cardinals, 2 Nuthatches, 2 Brown Creepers, 20 Red-winged Blackbirds, 1 Flicker, 6 Mourning Doves, 7 Bronzed Grackles. April 27, Mentor Headlands; 7 Crows, 1 Killdeer, 1 Brown Creeper, 6 Scaup Ducks, 2 Cardinals, 8 Bronzed Grackles, 7 Flickers, 5 Meadow Larks, 3 Herring Gulls, 15 Robins, 2 Ruffed Grouse, 13 Golden-crowned Kinglets, 1 Ruby-crowned kinglet, 4 Mourning Doves, 1 Downy Woodpecker, 20 Red-winged Blackbirds.

Dean Henry Turner Bailey reported the following, April 13, Brookside Park; Song Sparrows, Juncos, Chickadees, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Flickers, Downy Woodpeckers, Mourning Doves, Crows, Red-tailed Hawk, Robins, Blue Jays, Bronzed Grackles, White-breasted Nuthatch.

Prof. C.M. Finfrock reported the following; Killdeer, March 29, Reserve Athletic Field, Cowbirds, April 13, Chesterland, Golden-crowned Kinglet, April 16, 3186 Oak Rd., Brown Creeper, April 25, 3186 Oak Rd., Mourning Dove, April 13, Mayfield Center, Red-headed Woodpecker, April 27, Mayfield Center.